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Subject: RE: ACTION REQUIRED: three new FOIAs on West Lake from Ed Smith

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PS. He's also exempting NRRB documents from 10353.

Thanks,

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Okay, just talked to Ed.

He's only interested in final documents for both requests.

For 10353 – he's limited to the records to those currently held by R7. We do NOT have to collect from HQ. As for a time frame, he's asked for cost estimates for two time frames: 2000 to present and 2008 to present. If everyone could get me their two time estimates: one to process for the time period from 2000 to present and one for the time period 2008 to present, I will tally those and present the figures to Ed.

Thanks!

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Thanks Emily –

For FOIA #10340 I would roughly estimate 3 to 5 hours of search time (including time I need to access Audrey's laptop). We are interpreting this request to only ask for final documents, not drafts (if drafts are included that could significantly increase the search time).

For FOIA #10353 we are really struggling to estimate time it would take to search Region 7 files because of the broad scope of the request as written. If we could get some clarification regarding a more defined date range and possibly whether or not draft documents are included in the request that would be extremely helpful. Also note that I don't know how we would estimate the search time for the other regions and HQ offices that would also need to respond to this request – maybe you could start with seeing if Mr. Smith could define the scope of his request first and we'll go from there?

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I can assign a task to HQ in FOIAonline. The fee waiver denial has been issued on EPA-R7-2014-010463. Once I have the time estimates for each FOIA, I'll contact Ed to see if he still wants to proceed. We can guesstimate for HQ offices and refine our estimate as we get further in to the process.

Thanks!

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Thanks Dan. Let me get together with Hoefer on #10340 since I'm only aware of the recent correspondence, but I can't imagine it will take that long. On #10353 that request should be routed to those offices at HQ – Emily what is that process that we need to follow? It will be a significant undertaking to respond to that FOIA unless the scope is better defined.

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We have received three new FOIAs from Ed in the past few days, as follows:

#10340: “All documents (not emails) between the St. Louis Airport Authority, City of St. Louis, St. Louis Lambert Airport, and the Federal Aviation Administration sent to EPA Region 7 and documents (not emails) from EPA Region 7 to the listed entities between 1/1/2008 through 9/12/2014.”

#10353: “The Missouri Coalition for the Environment (MCE) requests all documents (not emails) produced from the following EPA offices related to the West Lake Landfill, both before and after the 2008 Record of Decision: (1) Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (2) Office of Site Remediation and Technical Innovation (3) Other offices within the EPA, outside of Region 7, that commented on the West Lake landfill that are not listed”

#10463: “MCE requests documents from Republic Services and its subcontractors (including but not limited to Engineering Management Support Inc.) that detail the proposed isolation barriers

Alignment 1, Alignment 2 and Alignment 3 used by the Army Corps of Engineers for its review of the isolation barrier alternatives document dated August 25, 2014. The USACE document referenced can be found here: http://www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/west_lake_landfill/pdf/west-lake-isolation-barrier-assessment.pdf”

HQ has denied Ed’s request for fee waivers on #10340 and #10353 and they will probably also deny the request for #10463.

Since #10340 and #10353 are not terribly specific I don’t see how I can discuss with him how to narrow his requests. I believe we do have responsive documents to both of these FOIAs. I need from you (**Alyse**) an estimate of how much time it would take you to search records available to you in CNSL so I can get back to Ed with an estimate of our costs to find and produce the requested documents.

For #10353, we also need to get HQ involved in searching. Arguably, all NRRB correspondence from all the board members would fall under this request, so we’d need all ten regions plus the participating non-Regional offices to search. I don’t know how to get them involved or to quantify their search time.

For #10463, we only have one set of large-format drawings that are responsive so the search won’t be arduous, but we’ll still need assurance of payment.

Let me know if we need to meet to discuss how to process the two non-specific FOIAs.

Emily, we’ll likely need extensions on #10340 and #10353, probably several weeks each but I can’t be specific at this point.

Sincerely,

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